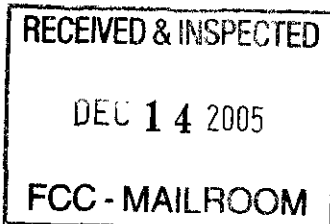


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Dear Mr. Martin:

Please drop plans to change the USF from collection on a usage basis to a flat fee. Citizens who save money by limiting their phone calls should not be penalized for doing so.

A flat fee tax could cause many low-volume long distance users, like students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers, to give up their phones because of unaffordable increases on their bills. Shifting the funding burden of the USF from high volume to low-volume users is radical and unnecessary. In addition, it would have a highly detrimental effect on small businesses all across America.

It is no defense to say that the law doesn't require phone companies to pass the charges on; they do so, regardless. Making those who use less pay for the calls of high-use customers is blatantly unfair.

Sincerely,

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